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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Timothy G. Smith
Deputy Appointments Secretary to the
President

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Forthcoming Presidential Visit to CIA

1. While we originally discussed the submission of a paper arguing the pros and cons of press coverage for the President's forthcoming visit to the CIA Building, I believe we came to a mutual agreement that some degree of coverage would be desirable. This paper, accordingly, presents for the consideration of you and your colleagues our thoughts on the nature of that coverage.

2. The auditorium seats approximately 500 people. We would suggest that working journalists, as opposed to photographers, cameramen, and technicians, be limited to a total of 29. This number represents the capacity of the rear row of the auditorium. The photographers, etc., as well as equipment, can be accommodated behind the seating area in the rear of the auditorium. We would request that the White House furnish this Office two days in advance a list of all media representatives who will attend. In addition, we anticipate that a small number of correspondents who regularly cover the CIA might wish to be admitted. We would coordinate this with the White House also two days in advance.

3. We are of the opinion, because of our need to preserve some degree of appropriate security protection, that the following ground rules would be reasonable:

a. Media personnel attending must be U.S. citizens and represent U.S. media.

b. We would prefer that there be no live television coverage since this would involve the presence near the auditorium of large communications vehicles.



c. Photography must be limited to the inside of the auditorium or, if outside, to the President's immediate party.

d. Media representatives will be required to identify themselves as such at the compound gates and in the auditorium lobby before admission.

e. All media personnel should be in their places inside the auditorium a minimum of 15 minutes before the President's arrival.

f. Because of parking limitations, media personnel should be asked to pool their transportation.

4. At such time as you surrender your scheduling responsibilities to the Advance Party, we will be happy to put them in touch with Mr. Andrew Falkiewicz, Assistant to the Director for Press Matters.

5. I hope these recommendations are satisfactory but, if not, we stand willing to discuss the matter with you.

FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

/s/ John F. Blake

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